

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information reproducing apparatus for reproducing audio information and a plurality of still picture information units on the basis of reproduction control information for indicating reproduction time points of the respective plurality of still picture information during a reproduction of the audio information, the information reproducing apparatus comprising:

an audio reproducing device for reproducing the audio information;

a still picture reproducing device for reproducing the plurality of still picture information units in sequence by switching the plurality of still picture information units one after another according to the reproduction time points;

a selecting device for selecting a still picture information unit among the plurality of still picture information units; and

a controlling device for controlling the audio reproducing device and the still picture reproducing device so as to reproduce the audio information and the selected still picture information unit from a reproduction position corresponding to a reproduction time point of the selected still picture information unit.

2. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the controlling device controls the audio reproducing device and the still picture reproducing device so as to reproduce the audio information and the selected still picture information unit from a reproduction position corresponding to a reproduction start time point of the selected still picture information unit.

3. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selecting device includes a command input device for inputting a command to select a still picture information unit to be reproduced after a still picture information unit that is being reproduced at the present time.

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4. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selecting device includes a command input device for inputting a command to select a still picture information unit to be reproduced before a still picture information unit that is being reproduced at the present time.

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5. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selecting device includes a command input device for inputting a command to select a desired still picture information unit from among the plurality of still picture information units.

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6. A computer program product in a computer-readable medium for tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a computer to make the computer function as an information reproducing apparatus for reproducing audio information and a plurality of still picture information units on the basis of reproduction control information for indicating reproduction time points of the respective plurality of still picture information during a reproduction of the audio information, the information reproducing apparatus comprising:

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an audio reproducing device for reproducing the audio information;

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a still picture reproducing device for reproducing the plurality of still picture information units in sequence by switching the plurality of still picture

information units one after another according to the reproduction time points;

a selecting device for selecting a still picture information unit among the plurality of still picture information units; and

a controlling device for controlling the audio reproducing device and the still picture reproducing device so as to reproduce the audio information and the selected still picture information unit from a reproduction position corresponding to a reproduction time point of the selected still picture information unit.

7. An information reproducing method of reproducing audio information and a plurality of still picture information units on the basis of reproduction control information for indicating reproduction time points of the respective plurality of still picture information during a reproduction of the audio information, the information reproducing method comprising:

an audio reproducing process of reproducing the audio information;

a still picture reproducing process of reproducing the plurality of still picture information units in sequence by switching the plurality of still picture information units one after another according to the reproduction time points;

a selecting process of selecting a still picture information unit among the plurality of still picture information units; and

a controlling process of controlling the reproduction of the audio information in the audio reproducing process and the reproduction of the plurality of still picture information units in the still picture reproducing process so as to reproduce the audio information and the selected still picture information unit from a reproduction position corresponding to a reproduction time point of the selected still picture information unit.